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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Group of Ministers (GoM) was set up to find ways and mean to fightthe drought and to create conditions for meeting any future exigencies;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the GoM; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): A Task Force on Drought Management headed by the Deputy Prime Minister has beenconstituted for policy decisions to deal with the current drought in many States.

(b) & (c): The decisions taken by the Task Force include allocation of foodgrains free of cost for relief employment, relaxations in the guidelines for allocations under normal component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) scheme, financial support for running cattle camps and free transportation of water and fodder by the Railways. Major decisions of the Task Force have already been implemented.